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SUBJECT: CONTACTS WITH THE PRC

FOR HABIB AND HUMMEL FROM THE SECRETARY
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1.ALTHOUGH WE AGREE THAT THE CHINESE HANDLING OF THE SCHLESINGER VISIT WAS POINTED AT THE SOVIETS, WE REMAIN CONVINCED THAT IT WAS ALSO A CALCULATED AND BLATANT AFFRONT TO THE ADMINISTRATION AS WELL. AMBASSADOR GATES' ANALYSIS TOTALLY MISSES THIS POINT. WE ARE FORTUNATE THAT THE PRESS HAS SOMEHOW MISSED THE POINT AS WELL, THOUGH THIS COULD STILL CHANGE ONCE THE SCHLESINGER TEAM RETURNS AND STARTS TALKING. IN ANY EVENT, I BELIEVE OUR NEARATTERM POSTURE SHOULD SEND SOME SIGNALS OF ANNOYANCE TO PEKING, WITHOUT DISRUPTING FUNDAMENTAL STRANES OF OUR POLICY. I WILL MAKE THE LINKAGE UNAMBIGUOUS IF AND WHEN I SEE THEIR FOREIGN MINISTER. IF HIS VISIT TO NEW YORK IS SIGNIFICANTLY DELAYED, I WILL CALL IN AMBASSADOR HUANG BOTH TO TALK ABOUT AFRICA AND TO MAKE KNOWN OUR displeasure OVER THE HANDLING OF THE SCHLESINGER VISIT.

2. FOLLOWING IS GUIDANCE FOR THE QUESTIONS RAISED IN REETELS:

3. PARA THREE. THE STATE REPRESENTATIVES SHOULD BE HUMMEL AND RICHARDSON, BUT NOT HABIB.

4. PARA FIVE. YOU SHOULD GO AHEAD REPEAT GO AHEAD ON THE CDC COMPUTER. THIS IS TOO BASIC A MATTER TO REVERSE COURSE ON NOW.

5. PARA SIX. THE VOLLEYBALL MATCH AND RECEPTION ATTENDANCE SHOULD BE LIMITED AS INDICATED IN SUE- PARA A. UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES SHOULD THE WHITE HOUSE OR ANY MEMBER OF THE FORD FAMILY RECEIVE THE TEAM.

6. PARA SEVEN. AS OF NOW I LEAN TOWARD HABIB AND BENNET, WITH EQUAL LEVELS IN OTHER AGENCIES, FOR THE CHINESE RECEPTIONS. THIS NOT A FINAL DECISION, HOWEVER, AND I WANT TO REFLECT ON IT FURTHER SO NO ACTION SHOULD BE TAKEN AT THIS TIME.

7. MAKE SURE THAT SCOWCROFT SEES THIS MESSAGE.

KISSINGER

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